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### BUSINESS LICENSES

## Councilors convinced on vendor fingerprint checks

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After having their questions answered by the police chief — and lowering the fee to \$75 — the City Council this week agreed to support fingerprint checks for certain business licenses.

Councilor Robert Rossi said his only objection to the propos-

al was the cost. He believed the \$100 proposed fee was excessive, especially as it would have been paid into the town's general fund, rather than set aside for police. His proposal was backed by the rest of the council and approved unanimously along with the main ordinance at Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting.

Police Chief Eric Gillis said

he asked for a fingerprinting law in order for him to begin issuing permits to portable ice cream vendors. Gillis said there is currently no mechanism in town that allows him to issue permits to these vendors, and the permits are required by law.

"The permit requires a fingerprinting background check and at least a \$30 fee that goes to the

state fingerprinting fund," said Gillis.

The fingerprinting background check matches a business owner's fingerprints against a national database than can detect if that individual was involved in any kind of wrongdoing or is a suspect in another state. Gillis says the checks are required for ice cream vendors because they are considered tran-

sient and often move from place to place to do business.

The vendors must be permitted to operate in whatever community they do business in.

Gillis said many of the vendors he has seen in town, often known as a "ding-dong cart," are from out of state. He also said without a proper permit, any portable ice

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### Go fish



Eagan Wallace, 7 of Plantsville, Conn., casts his line during the Mawaga Lunker Trout Derby on Sunday. More photos on page 9. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY KIMBERLY HATCH

### SOLDIER ON

## Veterans housing ready to build next summer

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Soldier On is finally soldiering on.

The housing community, which will be geared at helping homeless veterans find permanent housing and an investment in the community, will begin construction later this year.

After numerous delays from historical to funding from state and federal sources caused modifications to the project during the past three years, Soldier On CEO John Downing confirmed this week that the project will finally break ground during the summer, likely late July or August.

The project is expected to take approximately a year. The project was first proposed in 2012.

"We have had a lot of different delays to the project and it has caused us to have to make a lot of different changes in the plans,"

said Downing. "But we are finally ready to move forward and we are excited about bringing a facility to Agawam."

Downing explained part of delays including making changes to the project because the proposed location, the old Western Massachusetts Regional Police Academy located in Feeding Hills at 702 S. Westfield St., was a historic building.

Throughout the planning process, modifications were requested by the National Park Service, including updated requirements for how the windows in the building needed to be preserved.

The new requirements broke the project's budget, creating a shortfall of close to \$500,000. Soldier On then made a \$500,000 application to the Agawam Community Preservation Act.

The CPA application requested \$500,000 toward the project,

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Purchasing officer hire withdrawn

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The Agawam City Council voted to allow the chief procurement officer proposal to be withdrawn.

Tuesday night, the council voted 6-3 to take the item off the agenda, though the mayor would be allowed to propose it again as part of the fiscal 2016 town budget, which will take effect July 1.

Five councilors had sponsored an ordinance to create the position, but in the opinion of Coun-

cilors Robert Rossi and Gina Letellier, the proposal was placed on the council agenda much too soon.

Councilor James Cichetti withdrew after receiving feedback from the rest of the City Council, at a subcommittee meeting last Thursday and in discussion with Council President Christopher Johnson.

At Tuesday's regular council meeting, Johnson favored a proposal by Councilor Donald Rheault to simply turn down the ordinance instead of having

Cichetti withdraw it. Johnson said with the expansion of the state bidding law and feedback from Letellier saying the school district did not plan to be on board with the proposal, it was easier just to kill the agenda item.

The majority of the discussion about the position was made with Cichetti's subcommittee last week.

At the subcommittee meeting, held last Thursday night at the Agawam Public Library, the councilors discussed the need for

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### Ready to walk



Agawam High School senior Jamie Allivato puts the finishing touches on her makeup before her modeling debut at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's annual fashion show at Chez Josef on Sunday. Story and more photos on page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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## Troop 82 to host pancake breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 82 will host its annual pancake breakfast Saturday, April 25, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Lions Club pavilion on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the door.

# Roberts recognized by Agawam Lions

During the Agawam Lions Club's regular meeting held April 15, Jack Walsh, club president, presented member Warren Roberts with the Val Zewski Fellowship Award.

At the age of 92, Roberts, past district governor, said he was honored to be recognized for his dedication and commitment to the continued success of the District 33Y Eyemobile. To carry out the mission of "The Gift of Sight Is Ours to Give," the Lions Clubs of District 33Y of Western Massachusetts operate a mobile eye clinic in communities throughout Western Massachusetts. Lions and other volunteers provide free health screenings for vision, glaucoma, hearing, diabetes and blood pressure.

"Whenever we sponsor a public

event, the Eyemobile is on site and available for free exams," said Walsh. "For the service-oriented group such as the Lions, conducting health screenings is a way that we can have a direct and positive impact on our citizens, especially the elderly and children."

For more information about the Agawam Lions Club, visit [www.agawamlions.org](http://www.agawamlions.org). Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 207 countries. Lions Clubs all over the world are dedicated to helping citizens preserve their vision and hearing.



Warren Roberts, right, is presented the Val Zewski Fellowship Award by Jack Walsh, Agawam Lions Club president, at a meeting held April 15. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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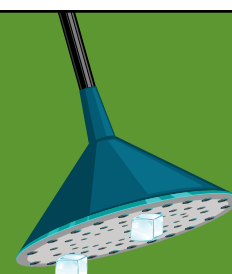
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## Volunteers meet Saturday to clean Agawam riverbank

On Saturday, April 25, piles of trash and large debris will be removed from various rivers and streams in the Westfield River watershed by volunteers of all ages. This annual spring cleanup is sponsored by the Westfield River Watershed Association.

Volunteers for the Spring 2015 Westfield River cleanup should gather no later than 9 a.m. at one of two meeting points for a brief orientation and their site assignments. In Westfield, they will meet in the parking lot on Meadow Street near the new bridge. In Agawam, volunteers should gather at the Pynchon Point parking lot near the South End bridge circle on River Road. Cleanup assignments are generally completed by 1 p.m. or earlier.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult. WRWA will provide gloves and trash bags and will arrange pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site. For questions, contact Mark Damon for Westfield area sites at 413-572-9991, [mjdamon@verizon.net](mailto:mjdamon@verizon.net) or contact Sheryl Becker for Agawam area sites at 413-374-1921, [sherlearth69@gmail.com](mailto:sherlearth69@gmail.com).

The Westfield River Watershed Association was established in 1953 to protect and improve the natural resources of the watershed, as well as to expand recreational and other land use opportunities for people's enjoyment and for sound ecology. To learn more, visit [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org).

## Fundraiser pairs Relay with Kentucky Derby

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Robyn and Paul Sadowski are horse racing enthusiasts and advocates for finding a cure for cancer. Those two interests come together on Kentucky Derby Day in Agawam, when the couple will host a benefit for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Agawam.

As the excitement builds for the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby on May 2, the Sadowskis and members of their Relay team, Jan's Jokers, will gather for "Derby Day for the Relay" at Murphy's Pub, 664 Suffield St, Agawam, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

"We'll view the race live and watch pre-race events on giant TV screens before this year's contenders take to the track at Churchill Downs in Louisville for what is called the 'greatest two minutes in sports,'" said Robyn Sadowski, the team's co-captain, who is organizing the fundraiser.

The fundraiser — which is open to anyone interested in participating — will feature raffles and a ladies hat contest. One of the highlights of the Kentucky Derby is always the women who appear at the race with large, elaborate hats—a tradition that is believed to bring good luck, Sadowski said.

"Since the Kentucky Derby is a unique opportunity for women to express their inner Southern Belle, we thought it would be fun to have a contest for women in the Agawam area who want to show off their Derby fashions," said Sadowski. "It's like getting into a costume and creating a fun character for a few hours."

In addition to the hat contest, there will be a horse racing-themed raffle with a numbered bag for each of the 20 thoroughbred horses running in the Derby. Participants buy a ticket — \$1 each, or six for \$5 — and place each ticket in whatever bag



Women expressed their inner Southern Belle by wearing colorful hats at last year's Derby Day for the Relay fundraiser hosted by Robyn Sadowski, right, co-captain of a Relay for Life of Agawam team. The event will be held again this year at Murphy's Pub in Agawam on May 2. FILE PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

they choose. Tickets in the winning horse's bag will win a prize.

This is the second year the Sadowskis have planned this fundraiser.

"We enjoy watching the three Triple Crown horse races that start with the Derby, so we thought it would be a fun and unique way to fundraise for the Relay," Robyn Sadowski said. "There is no set goal, so whatever we raise will be added to what our team raises for the Relay."

The Sadowskis have participated in the Relay since it started in Agawam in 2012.

"Relay for Life is not only a way to join my community in fighting back against cancer, but it's also a way to inspire hope by raising funds and awareness to help those

facing the disease," said Sadowski.

She added that the Relay — which is set for May 15-16 at School Street Park — gives participants the power to make a difference and fight back against cancer.

"It's amazing to think that millions of people will be diagnosed with cancer this year," she said. "Somebody close to me may be one of them. This is my opportunity to honor cancer survivors, remember people we have lost, and help raise funds for groundbreaking research, information and services for people fighting cancer."

For more information about "Derby Day for the Relay," contact Robyn or Paul Sadowski at 413-355-0815.

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

# Picking up on the green trend

Forty-five years ago, Earth Day was a new concept, and the pro-environment rallies of 1970 were just as much about education and politics as they were about action.

Today, though we may debate how to balance pollution control with job creation, environmental regulation with the burden of taxation, and exactly how to define “clean” energy, there’s at least a broad consensus that the environment is worth saving, that it needs our help, that keeping it clean isn’t some fringe obsession — it’s good citizenship.

We’ve become used to sorting the recyclables out of our trash, aware of the most efficient times to run lawn sprinklers, conscious to the wastefulness of disposable shopping bags. When we buy a car, we’re looking at MPG just as much as h.p.

A lot has changed since 1970, and town-wide cleanup days, river and park cleanup days have become as commonplace across Massachusetts as curbside recycling bins and “Think Globally, Act Locally” bumper stickers.

Now the Agawam Department of Public Works is joining the trend with Agawam Clean, the first cleanup day covering the entire town and open to all volunteers. Tracy DeMaio at DPW is asking participants to form their own groups — families, neighbors, churches, scouts, club members — and “adopt” a public space to clean up on the morning of May 2. It could be a street, a park, a vacant lot, anywhere there’s litter. To avoid duplication of effort, let DeMaio know what territory you’ll be cleaning — you can reach the DPW at 413-821-0624.

DeMaio says she’d like to put a map on the town website showing what areas will be cleaned. She’s also interested in your “before” and “after” photos.

And if you can’t wait to get started, don’t forget that the Westfield River Watershed Association is hosting its own volunteer cleanup day along the Agawam shore this weekend. Participants should meet by 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Pynchon Point parking lot on River Road, near the rotary by the South End Bridge. For more information, contact Sheryl Becker at 413-374-1921 or sherlearth69@gmail.com.

Like many spring cleanups, the Westfield River group gathers in a central location for orientation and provides gloves, trash bags and on-site pickup of bagged trash at the end of the day. At least in the first year, the Agawam Clean event is more of a do-it-yourself affair, with each participant asked to take the litter home to include in that week’s curbside trash pickup. Perhaps, if Agawam Clean becomes a successful annual tradition, the town can provide more support in the future. The fewer inconveniences there are for volunteers, the better turnout there will be.

DeMaio said last week that the inspiration for Agawam Clean was the amount of trash that surfaced on roadsides when this winter’s massive snow banks melted. But even if the snowfall of 2015-16 turns out to be lighter, Agawam could use the annual beautification. We all agree that litter is unhealthy for the environment and unsightly for residents and businesses — so let’s all do something about it.

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## Letter to the Editor

### AHS Class of '74 invited to 'meet and greet'

Members of the Agawam High School Class of 1974 will have the opportunity for a meet and greet on Friday, May 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at Kaptain Jimmy's Restaurant, 916 Suffield St., Agawam. A room inside the restaurant has been reserved and classmates are welcome aboard at 6 p.m.

Forty-one years ago, members of the Class of '74 were well into their final few months roaming the hallowed halls of AHS. Many classmates were coming off the successful three-night run of one of the last great musicals staged by legendary band director Darcy Davis, “Camelot,” where classmate Mike Walsh, named in the '74 Sachem Yearbook as “most likely to succeed” issued his famous line on stage: “Where’s Your Tux?”

Stop by and remember many of the faculty members who played such huge roles in our schoolboy and schoolgirl lives: in the gym, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Modzelewski, and Miss Hastings; in the science department, Mr. Gage, Mr. Joseph, and Mr. Fahey;

social studies teachers Mrs. Litchfield, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Quinn. How about English department member Mrs. Stratton, math teacher Mr. Burke, principal Mr. Theodorowicz and guidance counselor Mr. Cavallo?

Who could ever forget yearbook advisor Mr. Pulaski snapping photos of everything that moved from the school year’s start to finish, or the gravel-voiced Mr. Kibbe, the school’s athletic director, football coach, and basketball coach.

Remember classmate Joe Ramah showing up at the “Kid Party” dressed as Santa Claus? The “Kid Party” was catered by the owners of Valenti’s Restaurant, proud parents of classmate Joe Valenti who continues to operate the popular family restaurant a generation-and-a-half later.

Remember, 6 p.m. at Kaptain Jimmy’s Restaurant. Come on over to share a few rounds and a few laughs of truly happy days at AHS.

**The AHS Class of 1974**

## JAY SPEAKS

# Politics is creeping toward us

I get up early in the day and meet a group of men for coffee and conversation. Some of the topics discussed include sports, foreign relations, current events such as murder trials now going on, local issues concerning Agawam, and the environment.

However, very soon we will engage each other over politics. Here in Agawam, we will be voting on a mayor, members of the City Council, and members of the School Committee. Those topics alone will be heavily discussed. Add to that the fact that next year’s national election has already seen candidates crisscrossing the country, raising money and votes.

The Democratic candidate already announced is Hillary Clinton. Two others have said they want to run but have not announced. One is the current governor of Maryland and the other is a former Senator from Virginia.

On the Republican side, there are already four announced candidates and a large handful of not-yet-committed ones. It looks to be a lot of early morning conversations and disagreements pending.

It’s a great way to begin the day. I find that one does not dwell on just oneself or one’s family or one’s problems, but instead is able to focus on local, state, national and international issues. When I get home

after coffee, Kitty will ask, “What did you talk about this morning?” I’ll recite a number of topics that came up and marvel to myself that most of us are still vigorously interested in what is going on around us.

Tom Brokaw wrote a book titled “The Greatest Generation.” In the book there is a chapter about this phenomenon going on around the USA. He gave a name to this grouping: “The RO-MEOs” — standing for “Retired Old Men Eating Out.”

It does not fit us entirely, but Tom Brokaw was on to something. It might behoove local, statewide and national candidates to seek out groups such as ours for ideas to propel their candidacy.

We have a handful of men who have sought office, held office, or worked in campaigns. They serve as a wonderful source to direct our discussions. It is only mid-April and elections are not until September, October and November, and a lot can and will happen from now until then. However, you can bet that our group will have thoughts and opinions on every facet until then.

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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Barbara Slate was Fran Leclerc.

## Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, May 31. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.

# Centenarian celebrates a long life

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It has been a world of change for Katherine DiRoma.

The Agawam resident, who turned 100 on April 12, has seen a century of discovery — progress and setbacks, peace and war: the first World War, the Great Depression, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War and the War on Terror, to name a few.

DiRoma was born on April 12, 1915. Last Saturday, she was surrounded by more than 70 of her friends and family to commemorate the milestone.

Her niece, Marilyn Rossi, says DiRoma was a consistent presence throughout her life and despite living through all the conflicts and all the changes in the world, making herself happy was the top priority.

"Her philosophy was to make herself happy first and always take care of herself," said Rossi. "It was the only way she could then go out and make other people happy."

DiRoma grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and settled in Agawam in 1956 with her husband, Florian. They built the house where she remains to this day, thanks to her ability to take excellent care of herself.

"She is very careful about what she eats and up until a few years ago, she was walking about two miles a day," said Rossi. "She's also pretty active mentally and enjoys reading."

Those are just some of the bigger factors Rossi attributes to her aunt's ability to achieve such rare longevity.

During her younger years, DiRoma and her husband traveled a lot.

"I used to travel to Italy and Brazil," said DiRoma. "I loved all my trips. They were all special."

DiRoma said she used to travel to Brazil to because her husband had friends living in the country.

"He was stationed in Brazil during World



Katherine DiRoma, center, poses after receiving citations from the town of Agawam commemorating her 100th birthday. From left are Marilyn Rossi, Dan Palmieri, Betty Melchori and City Councilor Robert Rossi. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

War II," said DiRoma.

DiRoma grew up one of 10 children in her family. She spent much of her childhood with her three female siblings doing chores.

Rossi recalled her telling a story of being at home baking raviolis, a Sunday tradition, when the attack on Pearl Harbor happened.

In preparation for the 100th birthday party at Oak Ridge Country Club, Rossi did a brief interview with her aunt, coming up with some funny responses to a "20 questions" survey she found online.

DiRoma graduated high school in 1933. In the early 20th century, it was rare for women to advance past the eighth grade.

"She was really passionate about reading and wanted to continue in school," said Rossi.

DiRoma took her education and went on to Western New England College (now University) and took accounting classes. She was an accountant for many years be-

fore retiring. Her favorite movie was "Gone with the Wind."

City Councilor Robert Rossi appeared at her party on behalf of town officials, including Mayor Richard Cohen, and presented DiRoma with citations marking the occasion. He said people achieving age 100 should be celebrated.

"If you look back at what many of these people have lived through, it's mind-boggling," he said. "They lived through so many changes and ha[ve] probably touched so many lives over the years."

DiRoma is the second Agawam resident in the past two years to reach 100. Bernice Irene Asta-Ferrero turned 100 on March 4, 2014.

She remains several years younger than the town's oldest resident, however. According to officials at Town Hall, Jenny Schoenborn, born Sept. 28, 1907, is the town's oldest resident. The 107-year-old is a resident of Heritage Hall.

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# Agawam Senior Center

## Lunch Menu

**Monday, April 27:** Hamburger and gravy over egg noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, bananas.  
**Tuesday, April 28:** Quiche Lorraine, Tater Tots, mixed vegetables, baked good.  
**Wednesday, April 29:** Ziti with sausages and peppers, spring salad, apricots.  
**Thursday, April 30:** Open-faced turkey sandwich, green beans, mashed potatoes, pudding.  
**Friday, May 1:** Potato-crust cod, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, mixed fruit.

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, April 27:** 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15, Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Mindful Meditation and Reiki Demonstration, Bingo; 5:30 p.m. Zumba Gold.  
**Tuesday, April 28:** 9 a.m., Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The

Theory of Everything"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

**Wednesday, April 29:** 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:30, Spring Fling Chez Josef and Baystate Senior Class; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., No Golden Agers Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6:30 p.m., "Gangsters in Love" free show sponsored by ACC.

**Thursday, April 30:** 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; Noon, John Bennett of Mass. Senior Action Signature Cards; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6 p.m., Cancer Support Group; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

**Friday, May 1:** 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

## FINGER ■ from page 1

cream vendor doing business in town is actually doing so illegally.

Gillis had told the council's Legislative Subcommittee that the council could change the amount charged for fingerprinting. Councilors on the subcommittee initially agreed that the original proposal of \$100, with \$70 left over for the town, while seeming excessive from the onset, is appropriate to cover the amount of effort the Police Department would expend on each application. "It is the cost of doing business," said Councilor James Cichetti.

However, Rossi proposed lowering the permit fee in front of the entire council on Tuesday.

Responding to another criticism, that vendors would have to pay to be fingerprinted annually, each time their license

was up for renewal, Gillis said the council could also change the renewal period for the license. The license could be valid for five years, he suggested.

Councilor Paul Cavallo, however, argued that the license term should remain one year, due to the transient nature of the business.

Aside from ice cream vendors, the ordinance also will be applied to the managers of an alcoholic beverage license, peddlers and solicitors, operators of a taxi service (though there are currently none in town) and second-hand and junk dealers.

Gillis said that though ice cream vendors were the reason for the proposed ordinance, he included the other businesses because they are also occupations that are susceptible to criminal activity.

## SOLDIER ■ from page 1

but CPA Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio said there are no specifics about how the money will be used.

"Because the project is aimed to provide low-income housing for veterans, the entire project basically qualified under the CPA," said Bonfiglio.

However, Bonfiglio said the mayor's office has told her Soldier On plans to withdraw their application because a cheaper option to address the windows was found.

"We have not confirmed they are withdrawing the application, but that is what we are being told right now," Bonfiglio said. "It is possible they could come back to us in the future for CPA funding if there are other issues."

She said the 51-unit complex, scaled down slowly from the originally proposed 54 units, will all be added to the count of affordable housing currently available in Agawam. Agawam has just appointed a Housing Committee to help the effort of

evaluating the deficiencies in affordable housing in town.

The 51 units will go to homeless veterans who will have the opportunity to make small investments into their units and receive veteran services to help them acclimate to being in homes.

Downing says the Agawam facility is likely to fill quickly, based on his experience with the 60-unit building under construction in the Leeds section of Northampton and similar other Soldier On facilities throughout the region.

The original project budget was projected to be about \$12 million, Downing said. That projection has risen to \$14 million with the additional historical preservation requirements. Funding is coming from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community and from some state and federal grants.

## OFFICER ■ from page 1

a procurement officer and continued to try and work out the logistics of how to fit a procurement officer in with the current staff at Town Hall and the School Department. Rossi was insistent that the procurement officer be the central purchasing agent for the entire town, including the schools. That function is currently held with the school business manager, and other councilors on the committee were unsure if the schools would want to reassign that duty. Rossi said there is not enough work on the "town side" of local government to justify the position, though Mayor Richard Cohen said earlier this month that there is more than enough work for a full-time procurement officer. Tuesday night, Johnson agreed with Rossi. A former mayor himself, he said changes to state bidding law have lessened the need for individual procurements.

Rossi and Cichetti disagreed over whether Chapter 30B of Massachusetts General Laws requires the town to have a procurement officer. Johnson said if there is a requirement to designate a procurement officer — though it could be someone whose primary job is something else. He

said Agawam is currently violating the law because Cohen has not tapped an existing town employee to serve in that role.

Johnson said when he was mayor in the 1990s, he designated himself as the procurement officer to meet the requirement.

When advocating for a full-time procurement officer, Cichetti said he learned first-hand during a recent experience working on requests for proposals with the Agawam Housing Committee how hard it is to comply with state procurement laws.

"There is a lot of paperwork involved in doing RFPs," said Cichetti. "It takes a long time. The paperwork is crazy."

Rossi also argued that technically, the mayor does not need the council's approval to establish the position.

"He can establish the position within his administration if he wants," said Rossi. "He needs the council's support, however, to budget the money to pay for it."

A standalone procurement officer would cost approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. The town had a law clerk that was filling the position last year.

# Meeropol returns for AuthorTalk

Local author Ellen Meeropol will return to the Agawam Public Library next month with her second novel, a political suspense thriller titled "On Hurricane Island." This AuthorTalk event will take place Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the library at 750 Cooper St.

As a major hurricane threatens the Northeast, math professor Gandalf Cohen is abducted by federal agents and flown to a secret interrogation center off the coast of Maine. As the hurricane slams the shore, conflict detonates and everyone

must choose a side if they are to survive the storm.

Told over the five days approaching the anniversary of 9/11 by varying voices on both extremes of the political divide, "On Hurricane Island" is both a fast-paced political thriller and a literary examination of the sociopolitical storm facing our society.

To register, call 413-789-1550 or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

# Chamber to host annual breakfast

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Breakfast Meeting Thursday, June 18, at 7 a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. The event is sponsored by OMG and Ormsby Insurance, and will kick off with the welcoming of new chairman Chuck Kelly and the incoming WRC Board of Directors.

Following the introductions, there will be a special presentation given by Nancy Butler, a national motivational speaker, business coach and award-winning author. After building a business from scratch to approximately \$200 million in assets under management, Butler sold her asset management and financial planning practice.

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Sponsorship opportunities are still available as well as advertisement space in the annual meeting program booklet. Preferred sponsorships are \$250 and program ads are \$50.

Annual meeting tickets are now available and are \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

To register for the event or for more information on sponsorship opportunities and program booklet advertisements, call 413-426-3880.

# Vendor fair to benefit accident victim

The Feeding Hills Wellness Center, 567 Springfield St., will host a vendor fair, free to the public, Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A bake sale will take place during the fair, with all proceeds from the bake sale to benefit Alex Scafuri, a student at Agawam High School that was critically injured when hit by a car recently on Spring-

field Street. For information on how to donate baked goods, call 413-244-4660.

Vendor items scheduled at the fair include glass jewelry, personal training and nutrition, essential oils, herbal products, therapy and massage sessions, bath salts, soy candles and more.

# When life gives you lemons, make limoncello

SPRINGFIELD — A limoncello-making class will be held Saturday, June 20, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Center. An instructor will give a hands-on demonstration on how to make this Italian lemon liqueur. The recipe and supplies will be provided. A sample of limoncello will be provided to take home.

Space is limited and reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. This class is for adults only. Call Stephanie at 860-305-

1175 or email to [CookingwICC@comcast.net](mailto:CookingwICC@comcast.net) to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by June 12 to guarantee a seat.

Mail name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$30 for both ICC members and non-members to Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts Inc., Attn: Limoncello-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

*The Agawam Fire Department responded to 63 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for April 14 to April 20.*

On April 15 at 2:17 p.m., the department responded to Red Fox Drive for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

On April 15 at 6:45 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On April 16 at 3:09 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield St. and Oriole Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On April 16 at 3:17 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street at Kensington Street for good intent call, other.

On April 17 at 8:38 p.m., the department responded to Tracy Drive for authorized controlled burning.

On April 18 at 10:52 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street and Poplar Street for citizen complaint.

On April 18 at 11:33 a.m., the department responded to Oak Hill Avenue for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

On April 18 at 2:32 p.m., the department responded to White Birch Terrace for citizen complaint.

On April 18 at 3:59 p.m., the department responded to Day Street for citizen complaint.

On April 18 at 4:36 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for outside rubbish fire, other.

On April 18 at 6:09 p.m., the department responded to Tracy Drive for unauthorized burning.

On April 18 at 7:06 p.m., the department responded

to Main Street for lockout.

On April 19 at 10:31 a.m., the department responded to Van Deene Avenue to cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On April 19 at 5:32 p.m., the department responded to North West Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On April 19 at 9:12 p.m., the department responded to Gary Place for lockout.

On April 20 at 6:35 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional.

## POLICE LOG

*The Agawam Police Department responded to 289 calls for service from April 14 to April 20. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.*

Wednesday, April 15  
Ashley N. Binion, 25, of 68 Imperial Drive, Apt. 0, Manchester, Conn., was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Sunday, April 19  
Anna Gonzalez, 50, of 30 Centre St., Apt. 3, Chicopee, was arrested on charges of uttering a false prescription, forgery of a document, and attempting to commit a crime (insurance fraud).

# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

**Roberts, Roland J., Jr.**  
Died March 28, 2018  
Memorial Service April 30, 2015  
Our Lady of the Lake Church  
Southwick

**Serrenho, Pearl E.**  
Died April 17, 2015  
Funeral April 23, 2015  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
Agawam

**Trimboli, Frederick P.**  
Died April 15, 2015  
Private Funeral  
Agawam Curran-Jones  
Funeral Home

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## Roland J. Roberts Jr., 61

Roland J. Roberts Jr., 61, passed away March 28, 2015. He was from Feeding Hills and resided in Naples, Fla., since 2005.

Roland was an avid golfer, fisherman and billiards player. Roland was a member of Teamsters Local 404 and retired from St. Johnsbury and Yellow Freight Trucking Co.

He leaves behind two sons, Chris and Scott; a brother, Dennis (Carlene) Roberts; two sisters, Gail (Keith) Munningham and Laurie (Ronald) Walhovd; nephews Daniel Sullivan and Jonathan and Jeffrey Roberts;



and a loving former wife of 28 years, Patricia Roberts. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service in memory of Roland J. Roberts Jr. will be held Thursday, April 30, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick, at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crohns & Colitis Foundation of America, 733 Third Ave., Suite 510, New York, NY 10017 or [www.info@ccfa.org](http://www.info@ccfa.org).

## FAITH MATTERS

# Faith really does matter

In 2 Peter 1:10, Peter tells us why “faith matters.” He says, “If you do these things you will never fail.”

He goes on and describes that these things we need to do stem from a faith in Christ. Our strong faith in God-given vision will result in strong values. Without these values, we will experience internal failure. Peter is speaking from experience about his own faith and what happened to him after he lost it. Remember, Peter denied Christ three times before His crucifixion, and he felt like a complete failure. But after the resurrection of Jesus, Peter never denied his faith, even when faced with death.

Peter saw Christ embrace the cross, never flinching from his faith in His Father. Christ embraced the agony and shame for the joy set before Him; a redemptive plan for all mankind. He courageously faced the trials and pain because of His love of the Father, which compelled Him to do the Father’s will and to atone for the sins of men, women and children who would accept His work by faith.

Because all of us face difficulties and trials, we must grab a hold of something much greater than ourselves. While all those around us may be giving up their faith in

Christ, we hold fast and just keep following Jesus. Our pain is transformed by our faith; by our vision in a preferable future.

Only a faith with strong values built into the core of humanity can keep it from cracking under pressure. Peter reminds us that our faith is vital and that we need to add to our faith these values: good character, spiritual understanding and integrity.

So many of today’s leaders claim what they do in their private lives doesn’t affect their public service, but it does. They pretend there is nothing wrong, but there is. There is a tension

in their core values. Their inconsistencies portray a failure, which reveals why they do not do what they say they will do. How can we trust a leader without integrity? If a leader can lie, cheat, even steal because their core values are not based on a solid belief system, they will fail. They may not fail themselves, but they will certainly fail those whom they have sworn to serve.

Peter reminds us that faith is a force that keeps us from failure. Faith really does matter.

*Richard E. Adams is senior pastor at Bethany Assembly of God.*



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Richard E. Adams

# Police taking crime reports online

Agawam residents can now use the town website to report certain kinds of crime, without having to call the police station.

The Citizens Online Police Reporting System, at [www.agawam.ma.us/coplog-ic](http://www.agawam.ma.us/coplog-ic), allows residents to report incidences of vandalism, theft, or theft from vehicles. In order for a crime to be reported online, four additional criteria must also be met: 1. There is no emergency; 2. The

incident occurred within Agawam (including Feeding Hills); 3. There are no known suspects; and 4. The incident did not occur on Route 57.

Crime on Route 57 should be reported to the Massachusetts State Police. Any other crimes in Agawam that cannot be reported online should be reported to Agawam Police at 413-786-4767. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

# Author to discuss impact of casinos

SUFFIELD — Author Robert Steele will speak on Tuesday, April 28, about the impact of Connecticut’s casinos and the spread of casino gambling to main streets across the nation. This one-hour talk will be held at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St., at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited.

A former CIA officer, congressman and nominee for governor of Connecticut, Steele is the author of “The Curse: Big-Time Gambling’s Seduction of a Small New England Town” (Levellers Press, Amherst). The book is a fact-based novel set against the explosion of casino gambling in Connecticut during the 1990s, when two Indian tribes built the world’s two biggest casinos in the southeastern corner of the state. The story begins with the Pequot

War in 1637, and then jumps 350 years as a Connecticut family becomes embroiled in a battle to stop a third casino that threatens the family’s town and ancestral home.

Mr. Steele’s book has been called “powerful” and “compelling and timely ... a riveting story of history, money, and politics that will make you wonder where America is headed.”

The book, which is in its second printing, comes at a time when the Northeast is becoming saturated with casinos, casino revenue is plummeting in Connecticut and New Jersey, and Massachusetts has approved major new casinos for the Boston and Springfield areas.

This talk is sponsored by the Suffield Woman’s Club. For more information, call Lisa at 860-254-5888.

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# In the Classroom

## SCHOOL AGENDA

### Regular School Committee Meeting

**Roberta G. Doering School**  
**68 Main St.**  
**Tuesday, April 28 – 7 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. FY'16 Budget Review – 6:30 p.m.
  - a. Presentation of proposed FY'16 Budget – Mr. Sapelli
  - b. Public hearing on FY'16 budget
5. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
6. Citizen's Speak Time
7. Highlights on Education: AHS Wind Ensemble
8. Superintendent's Notes
9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
10. Unfinished business: None
11. Business meeting:
  - a. Routine Matters
    - 1) Approval of minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
  - 1). Scheduled Reports:
    - Personnel Update (paper report)
  - 2). Subcommittee updates
12. New Business:
  - a. SCR-15-09, Acceptance of laser jet printers donated by Six Flags New England
  - b. SCR-15-10, Approval to establish the AHS color guard as an extracurricular activity with advisor(s)
13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
14. Adjournment

### Spring Arts Festival to honor local veterans

Agawam High School Visual Art Department and Performing Art Department will present the annual Spring Arts Festival on Thursday, April 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The theme, "Hope for Humanity," will echo in the auditorium at 7 p.m. as the Agawam High School Honors Chorus, "Tonal Tenacity," the Chorale, Belle-Tones and Turn Up the Bass sing songs in harmony of inspiration. Sonja Funk is the director of the choral groups.

The National Art Honors classes will display art from the year, including 40 military portraits of Agawam veterans. Students worked with Gary Januelwicz, "Doktorjay007," in obtaining original military photos and for inspiration of veterans' stories.

Under the direction of teachers Amber Waters and Deb Florek, students created pencil and acrylic portraits, which will be displayed. Several students entered a military art contest and are awaiting the results. Acrylic paintings, drawings, watercolors, sculptural pieces and mixed media works will be exhibited.

For more information, call any of the teachers at 413-821-0530.

### Kiwanis scholarship deadline is May 4

The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield and Agawam will grant two scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduating seniors this year. Scholarship applications are available in the guidance office and must be returned to Kay Buoniconti, scholarship committee chairperson, no later than May 1.

Kiwanis embraces volunteerism and academic excellence. Successful applicants from Agawam High School will be active in their school and community with excellent academic results.

Further information is available from Buoniconti at 413-364-7810.

### Volunteers sought to flag graves Saturday

The Agawam Veterans' Council is seeking volunteers to flag veterans' graves Saturday, April 25. Anyone interested in participating is asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. The rain date is Saturday, May 2.

### Teatime for teddy bears

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will again host the "Teddy Bear Tea" on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. Featuring tea sandwiches and special desserts served by white-gloved waiters, this event is \$12 for adults and \$5 for girls under 12.

To purchase tickets, visit the church office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon or at coffee hour.

### Can, bottle drive to benefit scouts

Boy Scout Troop 185 will hold a can and bottle drive on Saturday, May 9. Drop off is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other scout functions. Rain date is May 16.

### Notice of CPA committee openings

The Agawam Community Preservation Act Committee has two openings effective April 30. The positions are to be appointed by the City Council for a three-year term. The CPA Committee manages Agawam's share of Community Preservation Act funds, which are collected through a surcharge on local property taxes and a percentage match from the state. CPA funds can only be spent on conservation, preservation or housing projects.

Those interested in serving on the CPA Committee should contact Barbara Bard in the Agawam City Council office as soon as possible at 413-726-9716 or bbard@agawam.ma.us.

### Exercise class to resume April 28

The Tuesday-Thursday morning PACE and exercise class will resume its regular class schedule at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., on Tuesday, April 28. For more information, call the Senior Center at 413-821-0605.

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

*The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.*

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, April 27:** Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, April 28:** Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, dark green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, April 29:** Loaded beef nachos, cheese sauce, vegetarian beans, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, April 30:** Barbeque rib sandwich on a whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Lays chips, steamed carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, May 1:** Half day of school. No lunch.

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- Monday, April 27:** Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, April 28:** Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, potato wedges, dark green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, April 29:** Loaded beef nachos, cheese sauce, vegetarian beans, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, April 30:** Barbeque rib sandwich on a whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Lays chips, steamed carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, May 1:** Half day of school. No lunch.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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- Wednesday, April 29:** Loaded beef nachos, cheese sauce, vegetarian beans, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, April 30:** Barbeque rib sandwich on a whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Lays chips, steamed carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, May 1:** Half day of school. No lunch.

### ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, April 27:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Tuesday, April 28:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Wednesday, April 29:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Thursday, April 30:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
- Friday, May 1:** Pillsbury mini chocolate-chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

### Parish Cupboard seeks business support

WEST SPRINGFIELD — As part of its "Cash for the Cupboard Campaign," the Parish Cupboard invites business supporters in West Springfield and Agawam to donate during March and April.

The Parish Cupboard, at 1023 Main St., West Springfield, is a registered nonprofit organization whose mission is to support needy families and individuals in West Springfield, Agawam and Feeding Hills through an emergency food program and a hot lunch program.

The goal of the fundraising campaign is to have 100 businesses donate \$100 each, equaling \$10,000, and 100 businesses each donating \$500, equaling \$50,000, which

would total \$60,000 from the business community alone.

These donations would allow the Parish Cupboard to increase services and outreach, improve the facility out of which it operates, and have more purchasing power for needed food and supplies.

"We know that the business world gets many requests for donations, and we understand that you cannot always do everything you'd like to do," said Martha Tighe, Parish Cupboard executive director. "So, whatever you can give, please know how much it will be appreciated."

For more information, call 413-734-7969.

### Hope Church hosts free kids camp in July

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a free kids camp Monday through Friday, July 20-24, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will include Bible stories, activities, games, crafts and snacks.

The camp, "Gospel Light's SonSpark Labs," will focus on "Discovering God's Plan 4U = Jesus!"

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# Out of the blue



Agawam skies were a clear crisp blue for the Mawaga Sporting Club 26th annual Lunker Trout Derby on Sunday. The public event featured breakfast, lunch, a no catch limit, bait, a raffle and door prizes available for its attendees. Cash prizes for largest, tagged and random size-matched trout ranged from \$100 to \$500.

Participants in the Lunker Trout Derby enjoyed beautiful Sunday weather along the water's edge.



Graci "Cinderella" Gibbs, 3 of Feeding Hills, enjoys a hot dog with her father, Daniel Gibbs.



Murphy the dog accompanies Harold Camyre of Southwick during the derby.



Two-year-old Selene Blackhart of Greenfield entertains herself with her fishing pole.



Shanon Duncan of Feeding Hills hopes for the best during the last leg of the derby.



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A tackle box overflows with a fisherman's goodies.



Charles Giles of Agawam, left, and Stan Early of West Springfield enjoy the sun and company at the fishing derby.



Michael Perras of Greenfield was nothing but smiles at the Mawaga Sporting Club event.

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At the end of the show all eight models appeared at once on the runway stage to take their bows amid cheers and applause from the audience.

## Latest styles featured in fashion fundraiser

By Mike Lydick  
aan@turley.com

The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer — meaning spring has finally arrived. The change of seasons also brings some chic new spring and summer women's fashions that were showcased at the Agawam Junior Women's Club annual fashion show.

The event, one of the club's largest fundraisers, drew 130 women to Chez Josef in Agawam on Sunday. The five-hour "Fashion in Motion" event featured 14 vendors selling a variety of products and services, dozens of raffle prizes, a brunch, and a look at the latest styles for women from a local retailer.

Contemporary casual, career, and dressy fashions provided by the Dress Barn of West Springfield were modeled by eight Agawam and Feeding Hills residents: Tracey Matthews, Tracy Mutti, Jill Simpson, Sue Pettazoni and Agawam High School students Jamie Allivato, Chrissy Brown, Anna Pelligrino and Jen Stempel.

To add a touch of subtle glamour to the show, each of the models made her entrance via a winding staircase and up onto a "runway" stage. Two rows of tables lined the stage, giving all the guests a good viewing angle.

This was the third year that Ilona Eisler has driven from Shelton, Conn., to attend the show.

"I enjoy everything about it — the food, the vendors, the people, and seeing the lat-

est fashions," she said. "I love seeing what new styles will be out this spring."

Those who attended the April 19 show included not only AJWC members, but also their friends and family as well as special guests from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Agawam native and professional comedian Dario Mercadante volunteered to emcee the show, providing details about each outfit worn by the models. He was assisted by Doug Reed, an Agawam disc jockey who also donated his professional services.

The Salon Mix in Chicopee offered its services to make the models look even more beautiful by creating individual hairstyles. In addition, local businesses donated many of the raffle prizes and took out ads in the show's program booklet.

Show co-chairs Donna Shibley and Kathy Mounemneh said money raised from the event — between \$4,000 and \$5,000 — will fund several scholarships the club will award this year to seniors graduating from Agawam High School.

Shibley said the club, founded in 1958, previously held a successful craft fair on the grounds of the Captain Leonard House as its scholarship fundraiser. The fashion show began 15 years when some members wanted a different fund-raising event.

"Our guests love the idea of a girl's event," said Shibley. "This is just a great way to get together with friends. Chez Josef is a wonderful venue — it's a very special location for a pampered day out."



Agawam Junior Women's Club President Samantha Rudd (left) shares a light moment with Kathy Mounemneh and Donna Shibley (right), co-chairs of the club's annual fashion show.



Looking bold in a blue print blouse paired with skinny white jeans, Feeding Hills native Jill Simpson strolls down the fashion runway.

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Diane McCurley, left, director of junior clubs, General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, visited the Agawam club's annual fashion show. Standing with her, from left, are AJWC President Samantha Rudd; Theresa Frias, chair of a GFWCM special project that advocates for children; Donna Shibley, co-chair of the fashion show and GFWCM chair for communication and public policy; and Jen Nowak, GFWCM recording secretary and leadership chair.





Feeding Hills resident Tracy Mutti models a pair of modern skinny jeans and a mixed print blouse.



Feeding Hills resident Tracey Matthews shows off a versatile spring wardrobe that pairs a denim vest with a beige top and skirt.



A senior at AHS, Anna Pelligrino wears an “all-weekend maxi” as she steps out on the fashion runway for her first modeling set.



Former Agawam School Committee member Sue Pettazoni looks vibrant in this bright work-wear classic: a modern blazer paired with a black pleated shell and a graphic-print skirt.



A surprised Hayley Kozilkowski holds a basket of amenities from the Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness Center in West Springfield, her raffle prize.



Agawam Junior Women's Club President Samantha Rudd with Dario Mercadante, an Agawam native and professional comedian who emceed the club's annual fashion show on April 19 at Chez Josef.



AHS senior Jen Stempel makes a fashion statement on the runway as she models a chic career outfit.



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# SPORTS

## BASEBALL

### East Longmeadow foils Brownies

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam baseball team's offense is struggling, but the Brownies have been in every game they have played so far this season.

Agawam had a lead, but a comeback by East Longmeadow resulted in a 5-4 loss last Thursday afternoon at East Longmeadow.

Agawam took a 3-0 early in the game with three runs in the second inning. But East Longmeadow chipped away and in the bottom of the fifth inning, pushed across two more runs to take a 5-4 lead. Both offenses were silenced in the final two innings and Agawam was defeated for the third time this year.

Agawam got started in the top of the second as Dalton Drummond reached on a walk and then stole second base. He was stranded there as the next two hitters struck out. Austin Sabadosa, the number eight hitter and third baseman, came to the plate. He would work a walk.

During the at-bat, Drummond caught the East Longmeadow defense napping and managed to steal third base.

With runners at the corners and two outs, Max Molta hit a ground single through the hole between shortstop and third base and plated Drummond to make it 1-0.

Back at the top of the order, Cam Rivest sent a ground single up the middle and Sabadosa came running around to score the second run of the game.

With runners again at the corners, Seamus Curran broke out of a 0-for-7 slump to start the regular season and got his first hit of the season, a slow roller to shortstop he beat out for an infield hit. Molta scored on the play to make it 3-0.

East Longmeadow would get one run off starting pitcher Griffin Gadreault in the bottom of the third inning, but the lefty picked off a runner to end a further threat.

Agawam got another run in the fourth inning as Troy

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ABOVE: Griffin Gadreault pitches in the second inning last Thursday at East Longmeadow.

RIGHT: Troy Gallerani makes a catch in left field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



## GIRLS LACROSSE

### Longmeadow too tough for Agawam

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls lacrosse team continues to have its struggles against visiting Longmeadow, as the Lancers picked up another victory over the Brownies 13-4 on a windy afternoon last Friday on the road.

For the Lancers, there was no looking back as they scored seven goals to start the game while their defense spent 25 minutes keeping Agawam off the scoreboard.

Agawam only got onto the scoreboard when reserves entered the game later in the second half. Longmeadow was already up 11-0 with more than 20:00 remaining early in the second half.

When Agawam finally did get going, it was Katie Martin and Eliza Timms who scored for the Brownies. Martin picked up a rare hat trick against the Lancers, scoring three times in the final 20:00 of the game.

When Agawam did have possession, Martin tried in vain to move the ball in and get a good shot on goal, but Longmeadow's defense was just too much for her.

The Lancers would get going just a couple of minutes into the first half. Ally Tetrault, who led all scorers, scored the first goal for her team, sending in a shot at



Kristina Tran tries to make the save against Longmeadow. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

the 23:33 mark off goalie Kristina Tran.

Her goal was followed by one from Olivia Shapiro, who scored just a minute later to make it 2-0 Longmeadow.

Tetrault scored again at 21:24 to make it 3-0 before Agawam finally got a chance to possess the ball off the faceoff. With 17:40 remaining, Michaela Smith was able to take a pass from Tetrault

and send it home for the fourth goal.

Shapiro would score three more goals and Tetrault had two more to help put Longmeadow up 11-0 with 19:35 remaining in the second half.

Tetrault would get a fifth tally late in the second half. She would finish with five goals and two assists. Shapiro finished with four

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## BOYS LACROSSE

### Bombers silence Agawam offense

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – After two straight victories, the Agawam boys lacrosse team ran into a better offensive team as they were dropped by Westfield, 14-5, last Friday afternoon.

Agawam was limited to less than eight goals for the first time this season as the Bombers had an answer for their veteran offense.

It was the second half that really was the big difference in the

game. Agawam did trail throughout the first half, falling behind 2-1 after one quarter, and 5-2 at halftime.

The Brownies were finally able to get a few goals in the third quarter, but were silence in the final 12 minutes of the game as the Bombers just kept scoring goals.

Agawam was led by Elijah Bard and John Colwell, who each had three points. Bard notched two goals and an assist while Colwell finished with a goal and two assists.

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## SOFTBALL

### Wheeler, Agawam silence opposition

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – If the first two games are any indication of how well-positioned the Agawam softball team is to making another run at the postseason, several teams should be very nervous.

After just two games, Agawam has scored 33 runs and star pitcher Allison Wheeler has not allowed a run.

Agawam has defeated Ludlow and South Hadley in independent action this year and the Brownies are not looking to slow down.

Wheeler pitched 144 innings

last season. She had 175 strikeouts and won 16 games. Her freshman year, she had 140 strikeouts and won 15 games. She started the regular season just 185 strikeouts from 500.

In her first two games, she has combined to strike out 12. She pitched a no-hitter against Ludlow to open the season, allowing just four baserunners on walks.

Sabrina Dubiel, who spent most of last season being hit for with the designated hitter, was welcomed to the lineup in the opening game of the season. The Brownies' catcher went 3-for-3

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# Sports



Luke Rheault makes contact with the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Gallerani singled to start the inning. He would steal second base and scored on a single to left by Luke Rheault.

East Longmeadow would grab single runs in the third and fourth innings to climb within one run 4-3. Finally, the Spartans managed a pair of runs off Rheault, who came on in relief in the fifth inning.

Defense hurt Agawam as both runs scored on errors. Agawam hitters were retired in order in the sixth and seventh innings.

Gadreault, who missed most of last season with an injury, pitched well in his first

start. He went three innings and allowed two runs on three hits.

Agawam also suffered a 9-1 loss against West Springfield last Tuesday. In the loss, Anthony Basile went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored. Max Molta drove in the only run of the game. Tym Regnier also had a 2-for-3 day.

Agawam looked for its first win of the season earlier this week against Minnechaug. The Brownies are at Westfield Friday at 1 p.m.

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Eliza Timms tries to find an open teammate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Chris Basile and Nick Hanchett also scored goals and Tahir Blair had 11 saves in the loss.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Brownies were on the road and had no issues taking care of Belchertown, trouncing the Orioles 15-1.

In the victory, Bard led all scorers with eight points. He had six goals and two assists. Not far behind him was Hanchett, who turned four goals and three assists. Colwell finished with a goal and three assists.

Matt Lemke, Gio Russo, Alex Bishop, and Basile also scored goals for Agawam. Blair allowed just one goal and finished with five saves. Agawam possessed the ball for most of the 48 minutes.

Agawam picked up its second win of the regular season last Monday afternoon when the Brownies walked all over host East Longmeadow on the turf 16-4.

Bard led the team again with five goals

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goals and one assist.

Tran had a tough afternoon against Longmeadow's very good offense. She was only able to make four saves in the game.

Longmeadow was the first team to silence Agawam after the Brownies combined to score 32 goals in the first two games, both wins.

Because of the various reshuffling of games, the Brownies were back in action on Tuesday, facing the same Longmeadow team at home in another league game.

Agawam will have three days off and on Friday will have a rematch against rival West Springfield at 2 p.m. at Clark Field at West Springfield High School. The Brownies face Northampton on the road Monday at 4 p.m.

and two assists. Basile finished with four goals and one assists. Breault, Colwell, and Lemke all had two goals each and Elijah Tobak had a goal for Agawam.

Blair would finish the game with eight saves and backup goalie Zach Fiedler got into the game and made a save for Agawam, his first for the varsity.

With the 2-1 week, Agawam has raised its record to 3-2 for the regular season and has a 2-1 league record.

Agawam had a very busy week during the vacation with games against Minnechaug and Tantasqua. Coming up tomorrow, Agawam will face Pittsfield on the goal at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday Agawam will host Northampton at 4 p.m. They host Chicopee Comp on Wednesday afternoon.

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## Date set for 2015 Jimmy Fund Jeffrey Vinick Memorial Golf Tournament

AGAWAM - The 36th Annual Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial will take place Monday, June 15 at three area golf courses: Crestview Country Club in Agawam; The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick; and Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn.

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### COLLEGE NOTES

**Wheeler shoots 77 at WNE Invitational**

SPRINGFIELD - The Nichols College golf team placed sixth at the 2015 Western New England Invitational Thursday morning, April 16 at Veterans Memorial Golf Course.

The Bison finished the event +35 (323).

Senior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, finished four strokes off the lead at +5 (77).

**Uschmann helps out Simmons**

BOSTON - Simmons softball senior first baseman and Feeding Hills resident hit her first collegiate home run as she went 5-for-7 with two RBIs in a doubleheader with Al-bertus Magnus on Sunday, April 19.

Uschmann was 3-for-6 with a triple and two RBIs in a doubleheader against Johnson & Wales on Saturday, April 18.

She also had a hit in another double-header with Anna Maria on Friday, April 17.

**Ritter helps out Wentworth**

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - Wentworth men's volleyball sophomore and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter had 36 assists in a 26-24, 25-19, 27-25 win over Southern Vermont in the ECAC semifinals on Sunday, April 19

Ritter then had 40 assists in the ECAC finals loss to Stevenson, 3-1, later in the day. He now has over 2,000 assists for his career.

**Vecchiarelli, Grasseti tally for Lancers**

WORCESTER - Worcester State women's lacrosse players Alexis Vecchiarelli, of Agawam, and Angela Grasseti, of Feeding Hills, each scored late in the first half of a 15-9 win over Fitchburg State on Saturday, April 18.

**Lungarini scores twice for Westfield**

WESTFIELD - Westfield State women's lacrosse junior attack Samantha Lungarini, of Agawam, scored a pair of first half goals in a 16-9 win over Westfield Connecticut State on Thursday, April 16.

She also had four goals and an assist in an 18-9 win over Bridgewater State on Tuesday, April 14.

**Keeley notches goal for Pride**

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield College women's lacrosse player and Agawam resident Colleen Keeley scored a goal in the second half of a 22-3 win over Smith College on Wednesday, April 15.

## Daggett gymnasts qualify for national championships

AGAWAM - Peter Daggett, son of Olympic gold medalist Tim Daggett, clinched the New England Regional Boys Gymnastics Championships on April 11 at Brainerd High School in the 18 and under age group.

In addition to winning the all around competition, Peter Daggett was crowned New England Champion on still rings, vaulting, and parallel bars. He also claimed the Massachusetts State Gymnastics Championships in the all around, pommel horse, still rings, and parallel bars held in Middleton on March 22. His first place finish at New England's qualify him for the national championships, which will take place May 7-11 in Daytona Beach, Fla. He will attend the University of Oklahoma on a full athletic scholarship beginning fall. Oklahoma just clinched its ninth NCAA Team Championship this past weekend.

Sean Herzog placed second in the all around and won the floor exercise at the New England Championships in the 18 and

under age group. Herzog was runnerup to Daggett at the Massachusetts State Championships in the all around as well, and captured gold on the high bar at the state competition. His second-place finish at New England's qualify him for the national championships. Herzog will attend the University of Minnesota this fall on a gymnastics scholarship.

Kameron Tang, of Agawam, placed fifth in the all around and earned three third-place finishes on still rings, parallel bars, and high bar at the New England Championships in the 18 and under age group. His fifth-place finish at New England's also qualify him for the national championships.

Ben Provost, a junior from South Hadley, placed second in the all around and won the high bar at the New England Championships for the 15-16 age group. His second place finishes at New England's qualify him for the national championships.

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with three runs scored.

Becca Uschmann had a huge game with three hits, including a double, and four RBIs. Wheeler went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Second baseman Taylor Marcott went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI. Agawam completed the 13-0 win over Ludlow in just five innings.

The Brownies also took out host South Hadley last Friday in just five innings. Agawam was up 10-0 after four innings before breaking out their bats for a monster 10-run fifth inning against the Tigers.

Wheeler, who did her usual job and pitched a complete-game shutout, also had five singles in five at-bats. She scored three runs and had three RBI in the win. Alyssa Eggleston also had a big day with a 5-for-5 performance. She had a double, three runs

scored and two RBIs.

Outfielder Katie Grasso, who had two hits against Ludlow, collected four hits against the Tigers. She had a double and a triple and three RBI.

Rachel Laponese had three hits and two RBI. Marcotte and Maria Moccio had three hits each. Moccio had a triple and drove in three runs.

Agawam still has a very difficult schedule ahead with their entire league schedule coming at the end of the regular season.

In the meantime, Agawam will continue on with a big matchup Friday against Longmeadow. The Lancers are an independent opponent for the Brownies, but Agawam will have them twice this year. Friday, Agawam faces Longmeadow on the road at 4 p.m. The Brownies host Hampshire, a top Division II team, on Monday at 4 p.m.



Business

Murray promoted to VP at ICNE

Bill Trudeau, president and CEO of Insurance Center of New England Inc., a locally owned regional independent insurance agency with headquarters at 1070 Suffield St., Agawam, recently announced the promotion of MaryLynn Murray to vice president of commercial lines and sales.

In her new role she will oversee the commercial lines department, along with the em-



MaryLynn Murray

ployee benefits and sales teams.

“Over the last several years, MaryLynn has demonstrated her leadership abilities with ICNE’s commercial and benefits sales team by growing new business in the commercial insurance and employee benefit departments,” said Trudeau.

Murray will continue to oversee the producers, helping them to identify new business opportunities.

Market’s prize game supports Jimmy Fund

While supplies last, Stop & Shop is selling scratch tickets for a \$1 donation to the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Prizes in the “Triple Winner Game” include coupons, free products and cash up to \$10,000.

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Stop & Shop, in partnership with the Boston Red Sox, has raised \$56.5 million through the Triple Winner Game since 1991. This year, the company aims to raise \$2.5 million.

“We are grateful for the support we re-

ceive from our customers, associates and friends to help raise the funds needed to save lives and bring hope to families who are battling cancer,” said Don Sussman, president of Stop & Shop Divisions. “Together as a community we can raise even more money to support Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund in their efforts to fund pediatric cancer research and patient care.”

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**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
4/23,4/30/15

**AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY’16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Agawam – According to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 38N, copies of the proposed school department budget shall be available to the public 48 hours prior to the posted public hearing, which is scheduled for **April 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Roberta G. Doering School auditorium. There will be a copy of the proposed budget available in the Superintendent’s office located at the Agawam Junior High School and another copy at the Town Clerk’s office in the Agawam Town Hall at 68 Main Street, Agawam.  
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United Bank gives to local nonprofits

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The United Bank Foundation Massachusetts announced earlier this month that it has awarded a total of \$108,000 in the first quarter of 2015 to nonprofit organizations based in Western and Central Massachusetts.

Nineteen organizations from the Greater Springfield area received a total of \$59,500 in grants from the foundation, programs covering priorities such as education, health and wellness, youth programs and financial literacy. The largest grant was \$12,500 to the Behavioral Health Network, followed by \$10,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of West Springfield. Receiving grants of \$5,000 each were the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Gateway Educational Foundation and Girls Incorporated of Holyoke. Smaller grants, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, were given to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County, Credit for Life, Develop Springfield, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Future Works, Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Valley Human Development Corp., WGBY, Will Power Foundation and World is Our Classroom. The Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, based in Agawam, received \$1,000.

In addition, 10 nonprofit organizations in the Worcester area received a total of \$47,500 from the foundation.

The foundation’s Board of Directors also voted to change its name to the United Bank Foundation Massachusetts to reflect United Bank’s April 2014 merger with Rockville Bank, based in Connecticut. Ear-

lier this year, the Rockville Bank Foundation changed its name to the United Bank Foundation Connecticut, allowing both legacy charitable foundations to continue to function as they are chartered, with a focus on their respective Massachusetts and Connecticut markets.

Dena M. Hall, United’s Western Massachusetts regional president and chief marketing officer, will continue to serve as president of the foundation. The foundation’s Board of Directors also remains the same and includes Paula Aiello, Carol Moore Cutting, Carol Leary, Kevin Ross, Bob Stewart and Daniel Flynn.

“This was an especially generous quarter of contributions made by the United Bank Foundation Massachusetts and it supports many well-deserving, established and admired nonprofits that are dedicated to making our communities healthier with robust programs for people of all ages, particularly the programs we are supporting in this funding cycle for children and youths,” said Hall. “We received many good proposals to consider and we look forward to announcing these awards separately in the weeks to come.”

Hall added that since its inception the United Bank Foundation Massachusetts has donated more than \$2.5 million to area non-profits and a variety of causes. The foundation’s generosity is complemented by the thousands of hours of volunteerism United Bank employees dedicate to the communities served by United Bank.

For more information about the United Bank Foundation Massachusetts or the bank’s charitable giving programs, visit [www.bankatunited.com](http://www.bankatunited.com).

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Hindu social class

6. Hassles

12. Pillsbury best seller

16. Midway between S and E

17. A President’s 1st address

18. The 24th state

19. Atomic #18

20. Most abundant mineral in the body

21. Golf score

22. 14th Greek letter

23. 12th Greek letter

24. 4-stringed Chinese instrument

26. Order of the British Empire women

28. Watering places

30. Atomic #58

31. ‘\_\_\_ death do us part

32. Radioactivity unit

34. Consumed food

35. Six (Spanish)

37. Hosts film festival

39. S.W. plateau

40. Made of fermented honey and water

41. Et-\_\_\_

43. College army

44. Flower petals

45. Assist

47. An open metal dish

48. And, Latin

50. Supreme singer Diana

52. Gaelic name (morning)

54. Expresses pleasure

56. Overdose

57. Spanish be

59. A border for a picture

60. Doctor

61. Ancient Egyptian sun god

62. Lansing is the capital

63. Clothed

66. In contact with the surface

67. 70 year olds

70. Wall bracket for candles

71. Metrical romance (archaic)

**CLUES DOWN**

1. A member of the clergy

2. Gangster Capone

3. The brightest star in Virgo

4. Starkist’s Charlie

5. Amount of time

6. Loaner

7. Prefix denoting “in a”

8. 2nd largest Tunisian city

9. Schenectady Hospital

10. Toward

11. Totaled

12. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

13. Nonfeeding stage for insects

14. Old Irish alphabet

15. Brings out of sleep

25. Old Spanish monetary units

26. Roman God of the underworld

27. Pouch

29. For all ills or diseases

31. Jewelled headdress

33. Hostage for Pythias

36. Midway between E and SE

38. Financial gain over time

39. Tunes

41. In a way, ricochets

42. Direct a weapon

43. Stood for election

46. Harm to property

47. Plate for Eucharist

49. Monarch’s ceremonial seat

51. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization

53. A nostril

54. \_\_\_ Adaba

55. Without (French)

58. Wound fibers to make yarn

60. Nothing more than

64. Political action committee

65. Fail to keep pace

68. Personal computer

69. Indicates position

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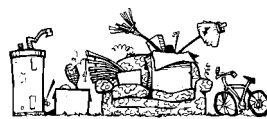
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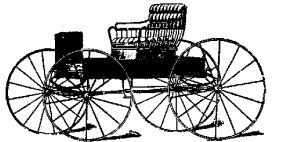
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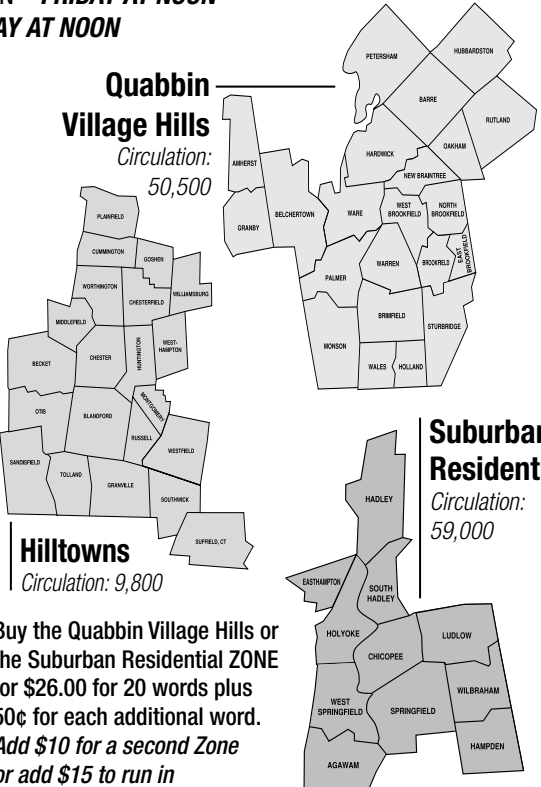
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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

## Friday, April 24

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 750 Cooper St., will host a movie matinee at 3 p.m. Area children are invited to bring a favorite stuffed puppy to watch, "101 Dalmations." It is rated G and is 80 minutes long. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## Saturday, April 25

BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 will host its annual pancake breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Lions Club pavilion on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the door.

ASTRONOMY DAY WILL BE HELD from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Science Museum, on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St. The event is free with museum admission. For more information, call 413-263-6800 ext. 318.

## Sunday, April 26

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., will open for the season starting today from 1-4 p.m. The museum will once again feature the exhibit, "Riverside Park - A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley." David Cecchi, local author, will be on hand to answer questions and share additional pieces of his collection of Riverside Park memorabilia. For more information: [www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com](http://www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com).

THE FEEDING HILLS WELLNESS CENTER, 567 Springfield St., will host a vendor fair, free to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A bake sale will take place during the fair, with all proceeds from the bake sale to benefit Alex Scafuri, a student at AHS that was critically injured when hit by a car recently on Springfield Street. For information on how to donate baked goods, call 413-244-4660.

## Thursday, April 30

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT AND PERFORMING ART DEPARTMENT will present the annual Spring Arts Festival from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The National Art Honors classes will display art from the year including 40 military portraits of Agawam veterans. For more information, call 413-821-0530.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Myths and Misconceptions on Climate Change" featuring Art Horn, retired meteorologist, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

## Friday, May 1

THE BIG EAST JUNIOR BEEF SHOW will take place Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to noon at the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN CINEMA concludes its spring showings with "Pane e Tulipani" at the Irish Cultural Center of Western Mass., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by the movie at 7 p.m. Requested donation of \$7 for members; \$10 for non-members includes choice of beverage and snack.

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM'S large rooftop telescope will be open for public sky gazing at 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Stars Over Springfield" observatory series, rain or shine. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children 17 and under. For more information, call 413-263-6800 ext. 318.

## Sunday, May 3

A SPRING CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR will take place at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 local vendors and crafters will be there, offering plants, local

organic produce, jewelry, candles, make-up, holistic vendors, clothing items, and more.

THE PARK AND THE PLANES, a guided walk and talk, will take place from 1 to 2:45 p.m. at Chicopee State Park, 570 Burnett Road. It is 2.8 miles round-trip, paved path, rolling terrain, moderate pace. Walking shoes, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent recommended. Heavy rain cancels. Meet in the parking lot next to the pavilion. Free program. For more information, call 413-584-6788.

## Tuesday, May 5

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the Stoneleigh-Burnham Chamber Players with Greg Snedeker, cellist and director, at 10:30 a.m. The annual meeting and luncheon will be held today. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact the church.

## Thursday, May 7

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be celebrated from 7 to 8 p.m. on the steps of the Old First Church in Court Square, downtown Springfield. The honorary chairman for this year is Rev. Bruce Shaw, pastor of New Hope Pentecostal Church. For more information, call Tami Mara at 413-782-7171. In the event of rain, it will take place inside the church.

## Friday, May 8

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will present "A First-Person Visit With General Ulysses S. Grant," at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., at 7 p.m. as part of its Applause Series. The library can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

THE HUDSON VALLEY ARABIAN HORSE SHOW will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

## Saturday, May 9

BOY SCOUT TROOP 185 will hold a can and bottle drive on. Drop off is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other scout functions. Rain date is May 16.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, at 4 p.m. The TJ O'Connor Animal Adoption Center, Urban Wildlife, and Whispering Horse Therapeutic Riding Center will join for festivities on the church lawn from 4-5 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 13

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS MEETING will feature Mary Rozman demonstrating palette knife painting with oils. The meeting will be held at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. beginning at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

## Saturday, May 16

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. will benefit the Thomas Smith House. Events will include a family picnic, a May Pole Celebration, a bake sale and tours of the historic house at 251 North West St., Feeding Hills. All are invited to bring a picnic lunch. A \$10 per family donation will include beverage and ice cream dessert. For more information, visit [thethomassmithhouse.com](http://thethomassmithhouse.com).

THE LONGMEADOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY will sponsor Long Meddowe Days ! today and tomorrow on the Town Green. Events will include a 5K road race and community walk, tours of historical sights, a selection of vendors, a campfire with hot dogs and hamburgers, a sing-along and many activities for children.

## Friday, May 22

THE ARABIAN HORSE CLUB OF CONN. HORSE SHOW will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

## Sunday, May 31

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR GAMES will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

## ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 413-786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

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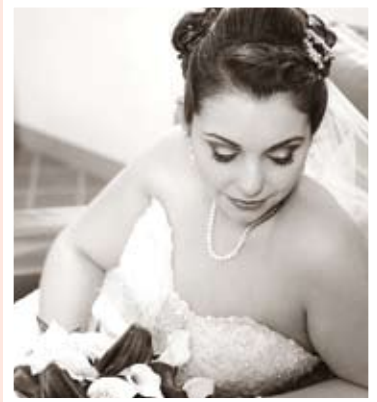
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